

THE MONTHLY BRANCH

GROWING TREE CHILDREN'S CENTER

September 2022

Dear Family & Friends

Welcome to the Branch room! Let us start off by saying how excited we are for this upcoming year! What makes the Branch room so special is that you will see your children grow and flourish in so many developmental domains. At this age, the children are really picking up language, physical and social skills! It is truly amazing to see the amount of growth that occurs in the children from their first day, all the way to their last in the Branch room. We cannot wait for you all to witness it for yourselves!

One of our main priorities in the classroom is to help create and develop our social-emotional skills, such as problem-solving, emotional, and self-regulation, as well as a sense of independence. It is our belief that once these skills are established, the children will be much more receptive to learning. We are confident that you will love the growth you'll see in your Brancher!

With that said, we would like to introduce ourselves!

My name is Ms. Heather. I have been a part of Growing Tree since 2017 but have been teaching for over 20 years! Although I have worked in both Elementary and Middle school classrooms, Pre-K is the place to be! I love how each child can be themselves, explore, create, and imagine to their hearts content! When not in the classroom, I enjoy spending my time on the lake in the sunshine. From paddleboarding to wakeboarding, the water is where you can find me! Bend has been home to me since 1999 (besides a few years in California) and has and always will have my heart!

My name is Ms. Gracen. I have lived in Bend for most of my life and just recently became engaged! I have been working with children for the past several years. I was previously at Hope Preschool teaching last school year. I am looking forward to being a part

of Growing Tree! When I am not working, I love to be outside. I love hiking, camping, and going to the lake in the summertime and snowshoeing in the winter!

In September, our study will be "Getting to Know One Another and Our Classroom!" Coming into a new class is filled with a mix of emotions. It can be exciting and fun, but also intimidating and nerve-racking. That is why it is important that we make this transition as smooth as possible for the children. By taking the time to learn the ropes of the Branch room, we believe we will accomplish just that! We will be focusing on classroom procedures and expectations, as well as incorporating fun and engaging activities that help us get to know each other's personalities better! We also plan on tackling a Germ study in the month of September to help the children learn more about their bodies and the importance of keeping them clean!

Cheers to a great year ahead!
- Ms. Heather & Ms. Gracen

Reminders:

- Please bring only one small blanket and one lovie for our nap times.
- Please ensure that your child has a change of clothing in their cubby basket. Accidents happen, and we want to make sure that your child is comfortable throughout the day!
- Please bring in pictures of your family for our classroom Family Board! You may bring however many you wish. The children love to show off their pictures